

whereas each cubic centimeter of the article corresponded to 0.050 milligram of ouabain, approximately three fifths of the requirement of the pharmacopoeia, and the standard of strength, quality, and purity of the article was not stated on the container. Adulteration of the tincture aconite root was alleged for the reason that it was sold under a name recognized by the United States Pharmacopoeia, and differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the test laid down in the said pharmacopoeia official at the time of investigation, in that the article, when administered subcutaneously to guinea pigs, had a minimum lethal dose of more than 0.00045 cubic centimeters for each gram of body weight of guinea pig, to wit, not less than 0.0013 cubic centimeter for each gram of body weight of guinea pig, whereas said pharmacopoeia provides that tincture of aconite, when administered subcutaneously to guinea pigs, should have a minimum lethal dose of not more than 0.00045 cubic centimeter for each gram of body weight of guinea pig; and the standard of strength, quality, and purity of the article was not declared on the container. Adulteration of the articles was alleged for the further reason that they fell below the professed standard of quality under which they were sold, since they were represented to conform to the United States Pharmacopoeia, whereas they did not.

On March 27, 1933, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$600.

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

**20587. Misbranding of O. K.-Lax. U. S. v. 10 Dozen Packages of O. K.-Lax. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. no. 28434. Sample no. 6636-A.)**

Examination of the drug preparation O. K.-Lax disclosed that the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed in the labeling.

On June 27, 1932, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 10 dozen packages of O. K.-Lax, remaining in the original packages at Wellston, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about May 17, 1932, by the Live Food Products Co., from Hollywood, Calif., to Wellston, Mo., and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act as amended. The article was labeled in part: "O. K.-Lax by Paul C. Bragg \* \* \* formerly Allax \* \* \* O. K.-Lax Mfg. Co."

Analysis of a sample of the article by this Department showed that it consisted essentially of ground leaves, barks, roots, and fruits, including a laxative drug.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements appearing in the labeling, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the article, were false and fraudulent: "The Most Important Thing in the World. \* \* \* Banishes Disease Nervousness, Catarrh, Asthma, Diabetes, and many other diseases are caused by a polluted blood stream, which gets its start in a filthy intestinal condition. O. K.-Lax cleanses the intestines and thereby prevents these diseases. \* \* \* The Perfect Cleanser \* \* \* O. K.-Lax gets down to the roots of constipation and tears it out. O. K.-Lax \* \* \* produces normal bowel elimination. You will enjoy renewed vigor and 'Pep,' and better general health, \* \* \* Constipation Sufferers You Need This Great Book—Now—Learn the true secret of Perfect Health. Learn how to completely banish all disease, Nature's Way. \* \* \* My amazing new book 'Cure Yourself,' explains in detail my unfailing system by which you can get rid of any ailment. \* \* \* an intestinal cleanser. \* \* \* 'The Most Important Thing in the World' By Paul C. Bragg Proper bowel elimination is the most important thing in the world, because it is the very foundation of Health, and without Health we cannot have any degree of happiness. We can go without food for weeks and without water for days, but unless we expel from our bodies the waste from foods we have eaten, our whole system is poisoned with this foul residue, and serious consequences result. If we did not get rid of the waste and filth of a city it would not be long before the population would be poisoned and disabled by the city's dirt. So it is with the dirt and refuse of the human body. We must move this waste out. If it is retained the intestines become a poison factory within our own bodies and form the breeding ground for disease. Constipation is the dread, insidious

factor behind at least 99% of the ills to which the body is heir. Many are of the opinion that one good bowel movement a day is enough to keep the body healthy and clean internally. This is an erroneous idea. Only one bowel evacuation a day is unnatural and unless you are having at least two or three movements a day you are due for trouble sooner or later, the direct result of internal uncleanness. If we were living natural lives, moving, romping and actively using our muscles in the open, and eating foods in their natural state, the vegetables, fruits, grains and nuts, we would be strong and healthy like the animals in the forest. We would have three and four or more bowel eliminations daily, and maintain the blood stream sweet and pure. Because of the refined, soft, mushy devitalized foods of civilization and the inactive lives we lead, it is necessary to assist Nature to cleanse the accumulations of hardened filth which cake on the side of the intestinal walls. We must help Nature rid our system of the fermenting food waste and putrid mucus which poison our blood stream and are the direct cause of many chronic diseases. \* \* \* I used to go four or five days without a movement. Now I have several complete natural bowel movements every day. \* \* \* Nature's Real Medicine is Food. Thousands of dollars are spent annually by the American people for laxatives, purgatives, mineral waters, and cathartics, in a vain effort to cure themselves of that tragic disease, Constipation. Thousands more are spent for enemas, oils, bran, agar, and many specially prepared foods. But to the sorrow of many, these artificial aids are injurious and habit forming; they cause irritation and inflammation of the intestinal tract, and weaken its normal functions. The Perfect Corrective \* \* \* Become Your Normal Self O.K.-Lax \* \* \* will cleanse your intestinal walls of the sticky, putrefying filth which has given you that tired, dragged-down feeling. It will be a great aid in normalizing your weight. \* \* \* O. K.-Lax goes down into the intestinal tract and scrapes off the vile poisons that are producing disgusting offensive breath and slimy tongue. No longer will your blood absorb internal dirt, when O. K.-Lax is part of your program of Health. O. K.-Lax is truly a 'Miracle Substance.' My Constipation has completely banished. \* \* \* After using O. K.-Lax for one week I find I have on the average of two to three normal bowel movements daily. \* \* \* Since using O. K.-Lax I suffer no more from \* \* \* bad health, bowel sluggishness and thinness."

On February 15, 1933, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

**20588. Misbranding of Griswold's Family salve. U.S. v. 113 Packages of Griswold's Family Salve. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. no. 29582. Sample no. 12122-A.)**

Examination of the drug preparation, Griswold's Family salve, disclosed that the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed in the circular shipped with the article.

On December 2, 1932, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 113 packages of Griswold's Family salve, remaining in the original packages at Jamaica, Long Island, N.Y., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about January 10, 1932, by the Sisson Drug Co., from Hartford, Conn., and had been transported from the State of Connecticut into the State of New York, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act as amended. The article was labeled in part: "C. G. Griswold's Family Salve, or Plaster, \* \* \* Manufactured by The Griswold Salve Corporation."

Analysis of a sample of the article by this Department showed that it consisted essentially of a lead compound such as lead oleate, and rosin.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the article, appearing in the circular, were false and fraudulent: (Circular) "For \* \* \* Freezes \* \* \* Boils and Wounds. It also very generally helps External Ulcers, \* \* \* Weak and Lame Backs, Stomach and Joints, \* \* \* Pain in the Side, Hard Tumors, Ague in the Face or Breast, and Local Rheumatism. \* \* \* This Salve, if used as directed below, will in almost all cases supersede